

BAUXITE RESOURCES LIMITED — ACTIVITIES IN THE SHIRE OF CHITTERING

Petition

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West) [4.11 pm]: I present a petition containing 133 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia, are opposed to the social, health and environmental harm which has been, or may be, caused by existing future exploration in mining by Bauxite Resources Limited and any subsidiary companies (BRL) in the Shire of Chittering and the Darling Range.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council:

1. Implement a formal inquiry into the bauxite mining activities and permit processes of BRL in the Shire of Chittering and Darling Range and to allow for proper evaluation of each project based on environmental and social assessments in accordance with legislation;
2. Make recommendation that BRL mining projects (and any other mining proponents in the Shire of Chittering and Darling Range) be subject to due and transparent processes of formal environmental assessment as required by environmental laws and regulations (including public consultation) for both existing and future mining activities; and
3. Conduct an independent social impact study to review and formally assess the competing interests of farming, rural lifestyle and open cut (and other) mining in the Shire of Chittering and Darling Ranges, where BRL claims around 15,000 square kilometres in mining tenements.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 1771.]